

Mission Statement

We believe every individual has special talents and abilities, regardless of the challenges they face. Our goal is to encourage and support all our participants by offering a program with both a strong social and athletic base, focusing on community involvement and good sportsmanship.

The Program

The Shrewsbury Special Needs Program began in 1988 with nine participants. Due to the compassion and dedication of Paula Rourke, a Parks & Recreation coach, the program grew by leaps and bounds. Today it serves over 100 individuals.

The Shrewsbury Special Needs Program is financially self-supporting. A registration fee is charged for any individual participating in an athletic program, which helps to alleviate cost. We also hold fund-raising events during the year, in addition to our other social and athletic activities.

The number of Shrewsbury Special Needs Program participants has grown tremendously over the last few years. In order to serve all our members and keep up our very active schedule, we are seeking the support of parents now, more than ever before. We really need your help. If you would like to volunteer to help in anyway, or would like to register a family member in our program, please contact the our office at 508-841-8503 or email us at

Shrewsburyspecialneeds@verizon.net

Eligibility for Program Participation

The Parks & Recreation Special Needs programs are for persons age 6 years and older. Parents should contact the department as to the suitability of the program for their child. New memberships for Shrewsbury residents only.

Special Olympic Competition

Participants practice locally and compete state-wide in a variety of sports competitions. Coaching and instruction is provided by adults with experience suited to the particular sport. Area high school students also volunteer to assist. Playing fields are secured and maintained by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Recreation and Social Activities

Dances, parties and socials are organized for any Shrewsbury Special Needs residents throughout the year. Please contact us at shrewsburyspecialneeds@verizon.net

Parents and Volunteers

Leadership and supervision in all activities is provided by volunteers under the guidance of the Special Needs Volunteer Directors and the Parks & Recreation Department. We look forward to the support of parents at our fundraising, athletic and social events.

Board of Directors

Director:	Lynn Pearson
Co-Director:	Ginny Davidson
Athletics:	Peggy Holdash
Communications:	Mike Diggins
Communications:	Beth Gorman
Social Events:	Diane Dixon
Finance:	Pete Murphy
Fundraising:	Sandi Baima

Shrewsbury
Parks & Recreation

Special Needs Program



Guide

Fall/Winter
2005-2006

Fall Sports Schedule

Registration deadline: 8/28/05

Soccer

Age requirement: 6 years old

8 and older to participate in State Games

Location: Soccer Fields on Maple Ave

Fee: \$25.00

Practice Time: 4-6pm

Qualifier: October 16, 2005

State Soccer Tournament

Date: November 6, 2005

Location: Governor Dummer Field, Byfield MA



Winter Sports Schedule

Registration Deadline: TBA

Basketball

Age Requirements: 6 years old

8 and older to participate in State Games

Fee: TBA

Location: Sherwood Middle School Gym

Sundays, 4-5pm (ages 6-16)

Sundays, 5-6pm (ages 16 and older)

Qualifiers & State Tournament: TBA

SKIING

Skiing information will be
announced at a later date.



Bake Sale at Sherwood M.S

Saturday, September 24, 2005

9am— 4 pm

You can by some homemade baked goods

Please let Barbara Wilson know if you would

like to bake or volunteer at our table

E-Mail: regbarbara@aol.com

or

call her at 508-842-8041

Don't Get SPOOKED!

It's Our Annual

Halloween Party!



Friday, October 21st

7 -9 pm

Ray Stone Post, Shrewsbury

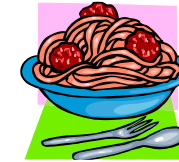
RSVP by October 14th

Diane Dixon @ 508-845-9479

Or



Our Annual



Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, November 13, 2005

5-8pm

Floral Street School

South Quinsigamond Ave

Shrewsbury MA

Adults: \$7

Children 10 yrs & Under: \$5

We Hope You Will Jingle All The Way

To Our



Holiday Party

Friday, December 2, 2005

7-9pm

Ray Stone Post, Shrewsbury



Please RSVP by November 12, 2005

Diane Dixon @ 508-845-9479

Or dianedixon@townisp.com

